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These questions invite the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Language and culture”.

1. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the idea that language is the “collective memory bank” of a people. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in its consideration of the idea that language is the “collective memory bank” of a people. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

2. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the idea that fewer languages might lead to better communication among people. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in its consideration of the idea that fewer languages might lead to better communication among people. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

These questions invite the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Media and culture”.

3. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the idea that new technologies have changed what media can do and how. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

4. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of some ways in which advertising fulfills a legitimate role in society. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in its consideration of some ways in which advertising fulfills a legitimate role in society. The essay will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural option “Future issues”.

5. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of possible strategies for making the future a “richer civilization.” One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural option “Global issues”.

6. A barely satisfactory answer will identify one global problem for which successful actions have been taken in recent years, and it will offer a general discussion of ways in which those actions helped alleviate the problem. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

This question invites the candidates to consider the Cultural Option “Social issues”.

7. A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the most important social problem affecting young people today and will suggest how to resolve it. One or two examples will be given.

A better answer will draw on appropriate examples in making its argument and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will demonstrate a wide range of reasons for their arguments and will support those arguments with examples that are pertinent, precise, and varied. The essays will be well organized.

These questions invite the candidates to consider a Literary option.

- 8.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the role that regret plays in at least two works studied. It will use at least one example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make an argument about the role that regret plays in at least two works studied. It will address theme as well as plot and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on pertinent and varied examples to make a persuasive argument about the role that regret plays in at least two works studied. It will discuss theme in some detail and will be well organized.

- 9.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the way that a good life is represented in at least two works studied. It will use at least one example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make an argument about the way that a good life is understood in at least two works studied. It will address theme as well as plot and will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on pertinent and varied examples to make a persuasive argument about the way that a good life is understood in at least two works studied. It will discuss theme in some detail and will be well organized.

- 10.** A barely satisfactory answer will offer a general discussion of the way that suspense is created and sustained in at least two works studied. It will use at least one example from each text.

A better answer will draw on appropriate evidence to make an argument about the way that suspense is created and sustained in at least two works studied. It will have a coherent structure.

The best answers will draw on pertinent and varied examples to make a persuasive argument about the ways that suspense is created and sustained in at least two works studied. It will be well organized.
